

TWO HUNDRED ONE

Last year at this moment, all of us were on tiptoe for the bicentennial of our country. It was one of the more wonderful days of my life. Monday will mark the two hundred first anniversary of our founding as an independent nation. Thus far, there has been less public awareness than usual of the event. Since we are now one year further along in our national pilgrimage, why is 201 largely ignored or minimized while 200 was the great goal?

We seem to think in terms of rounded numbers. Thus, certain birthday or marriage anniversaries appear to have greater significance than others. Long ago I attended a party honouring a couple at the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding. Theirs had been a rather stormy marriage. Good wishes and the traditional things were said, and finally, some one called on the husband saying, "Say something; you have been unusually quiet." The husband responded and not altogether in jest: "I've just been thinking that no one in this room ever expected to see this day!" His statement was more accurate than gallant. No one challenged him on it!

Methodist gathering for sessions of the Annual Conference always open the session by singing "And are we yet alive, and see each other's face?" The hymn is an expression from earlier days of Methodism when each year the number of those who had literally spent themselves in God's service in difficult places was impressively--even terrifyingly--long. It might be also a good hymn to sing on the anniversary of our national independence. What is ours as our national heritage has been bought with a price that has been high. Unless the nature and structure of the world changes dramatically and drastically, not all the payments for the preservation of this heritage have been made. Much is required of us in our day lest that which has come to us be lost by careless, indifference, or inability to hold in correct and creative relationship the tendencies that unchecked will destroy us.

Anniversary number two hundred one is with us. Let us thank God for His mercies and be His servants. The greatest light for good living as citizens is right living as members of His Kingdom. God bless us all!

-- Ed Smith

THE HOMEBUILDER'S CLASS will sponsor a dinner after church on July 10. The menu includes sliced turkey, broccoli and rice casserole, sliced tomatoes, carrot cake, tea and coffee. The class is providing all food, and all proceeds will go to the Van Fund. Tickets cost \$2.50 for adults, \$1.25 for children under 12 and are available from class members.

THE HOMEBUILDER'S CLASS is also having a series of Sunday morning discussions on the "right to live." The first discussion, on June 26, was led by Carlyle Crenshaw. Other sessions will be led by George Miller and Jim Charlesworth. All are invited to attend.

SUMMER SERVICE AT LYON PARK: Elizabeth Bookhout is the co-ordinator of volunteers from our church. If you can contribute any part of any day in leading games, teaching crafts, leading singing, etc., please call Mrs. Bookhout, 286-9738, or the church office, 688-1901.

SYMPATHY: The congregation and pastors express love and sympathy to the family of Alton J. Knight who died Tuesday morning, 21 June 1977. Mr. Knight lived at 4021 Carver Street.

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will have its July meeting on the second Monday, July 11, because the first Monday will be a holiday. Instead of having a formal program, members will meet at 10:00 o'clock in the Fellowship Hall to participate in the Craft Workshop. Please bring a light casserole, salad, etc., for a simple luncheon. This meeting will replace the normal Wednesday meeting of the Craft Workshop on the 13th.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD will not meet in July. The next meeting will be August 9.

HOLIDAY: Independence Day, Monday, 4 July, is a church as well as national holiday and the church office will not be open. In event of an emergency, please call Mr. Smith, 489-2210, or Mr. Wallace, 383-4542.

INDEPENDENCE DAY PICNIC: On Monday, July 4, The Durham Recreation Department invites you and your family to a fun filled day of old timey games, contests, picnicing, and lots of good music and singing at the West Point on the Eno Park from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 3 JULY, 1977

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:55 a. m. Holy Communion

The Epistle: Romans 8:18-23

Acolytes: Dottie Reade and Laura Farned

Greeters: Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Crawford

Junior Church Leaders: Anne Stallings

Sarah McCracken, music

Altar Guild Workers for July:

Lucille Cranford 489-4522

Mary Hix 286-7695

IN MEMORIAM

Alton J. Knight, 21 June 1977

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

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BAPTISM: With thanksgiving to God, Heather Leigh, daughter of Richard M. and Dianne L. Haynes, 1109 Raynor Street, was baptized last Sunday morning. She was born 31 March 1977. Their elder daughter is Lisa.

YOUTH WORKSHOP DINNER

The eighty youth singers and the MYF groups enjoyed a chef salad dinner prepared by Edna Christmas on Sunday night. We are grateful for her willingness to tackle this affair in the absence of a church hostess. Assisting her were Barbara Metzler, Marty Pifer, Pat McConnell, Emily Lancaster, Carolyn Shipp, and MYF members. We anticipate a report in a future newsletter from the three singers from our youth choir who attended the workshop - Carol Christmas, Paul Lancaster and David McConnell.

A. G. O. Regional Meeting

Horace Mansfield participated in the A.G.O. meetings at Salem Academy and the Fine Arts Center in Winston Salem. Special guest conductor was Daniel Moe who rehearsed the choir and presented them in concert singing some of the recent choral works of Diemer, Pfautsch, Peek, Moe and Effinger.

MARGARET FAW CANNON LIBRARY - NEW BOOKS:

1. Gesell - The Child From Five to Ten - The distinctive behavior characteristics of the years when a child begins school and becomes a person in our complex society.
2. English and Pearson - Emotional Problems of Living - Avoiding the Neurotic Pattern, Section A, - The formative years - -from Birth to Seven. Section B-The Years Between Section C - The Approach to Adulthood, Section D - Emotional Problems of Living.
3. Volume 3 of The Family Creative Workshop - Boxes to Card Tricks
4. Three copies of Durham, North Carolina recently published by The Greater Chamber of Commerce. On page 57 is a picture of Duke Memorial.
5. Sheey - Passages: predictable crises of adult life.

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 26 June 1977

Church School.....260

Morning Worship...367

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Needed each week	\$ 3,802.41
Received last Sunday	3,322.59
Received to date	97,877.75
Needed through last Sunday	98,862.66
Deficit	984.91

OUR KNOWN HOSPITAL SICK to be remembered in your prayers:

DCGH:	J. A. McLean	SICU - 3
	Grace McLean	6125
Duke:	Iva Elder	Cabell 3306

"DAYS OF DISCOVERY"

Each Wednesday in July
For 3 year olds - 6th Grade

PRESCHOOL PLANS:

Days of Discovery will be a learning and growing experience for children ages three through six (those starting first grade in September). The time each Wednesday will be from 9:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. in the downstairs of the Education Building. The themes will be "God Loves You" and "God Cares" and the programs will be exciting, entertaining, and tailored to the needs of children in these age groups. Those interested in participating should just come...ready to have fun. If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help in this worthwhile experience, contact Kay Herman (544-2676).

ELEMENTARY PLANS:

The Elementary age group will meet in the Fellowship Hall and the schedule is as follows:

July 6: "Who's Who In God's Kingdom"
9:30 - 11:45 a.m.

A guessing game involving members of our church who will act out various sketches of Biblical and contemporary people in God's Kingdom.

July 13 "Digging for 'Arty' Facts"
9:30 - 2:00 p.m.

No telling what we might dig up in our research of Biblical history looking into the past through archeology. We'll have a picnic lunch at our dig site that day.

July 20 "Through the Time Machine to Century I A.D."
9:30 - 11:45 a.m.

What we find through the study of archeology is how people lived many years ago. We'll zero in on the first century A.D. and we'll have a Jewish festival day on the lawn of Duke Memorial.

July 27 "Through the Time Machine to Century 15"
9:00 - 3:00 p.m.

This time we'll zero in on the American Indian - dress, customs, spiritual beliefs in a natural setting.

SYMPATHY: The congregation and pastors express their love and sympathy to Mrs. J. E. Jenkins, Olive and Ann, because of the death of Mr. Jenkins, Sunday, 26 June 1977. Mrs. Jenkins lives at 1517 Hermitage Court.